

Protection and Advocacy Committee Agenda Thursday, October 15, 2020

Notice regarding special restrictions for this electronic meeting:

In light of federal, state and local COVID-19 guidelines, and consistent with the Committee chairperson's written determination dated October 12, 2020, this Committee meeting will be held via electronic means only. No anchor location will be used, and members of the public will not be allowed to attend this meeting in person. The Committee chairperson's October 12, 2020 determination to conduct an electronic meeting is based on the following facts:

1. Utah is currently dealing with COVID-19, which has been determined to be a pandemic. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and can be deadly to those who contract it, especially those of advanced age or with underlying health conditions.
2. The Agency's offices are in Salt Lake County, which is currently under the state's yellow low level of restriction. This limits the size of public gatherings to fewer than 50 people and requires the wearing of masks and social distancing.
3. A vast majority of Agency staff and Board members are teleworking to avoid unnecessary contact with others.
4. The boardroom normally used as anchor location is insufficient to allow social distancing and reasonably safe accommodation of the Board, staff, and the public.
5. The Board uses an electronic platform, which allows interested parties to view the meeting, hear discussions and provide comment.

This meeting can be accessed via Zoom. Interested parties, including members of the public may attend the meeting through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5893447457>. Please email Jpstuart@utah.gov or call 385-528-7818 to obtain the password to access the meeting. Those wishing to provide public comment will be asked at the beginning of the period designated for such comment to use the "raise hand" feature at the bottom of the screen within the Zoom meeting so you may be called upon to provide comment.

The Agenda will be substantially as follows:

- 1) Call Meeting to Order (start time 3:30 p.m.)
- 2) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2020
- 3) Public Comments

The Committee will set aside 15 minutes at the Committee meeting to hear from anyone wishing to speak. Each presenter is allowed one opportunity and has up to three (3) minutes for remarks. Any member of the public who desires to make a comment shall use the “raise hand” feature during the Zoom meeting.

- 4) Advocacy Office Report
- 5) Items
 - a) Closed Session – Discuss Applications for Advocacy Office Director Position
 - i) Pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-205(1)(a), discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual(s)
 - b) Discuss Priority Qualifications for Advocacy Office Director
 - c) Discuss Job Description for Advocacy Office Director
 - d) Other Items of Business as Necessary
- 6) Confirmation of Future Meeting Dates
 - a) November 17, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
- 7) Adjourn

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring special accommodations during the meeting may notify the Protection & Advocacy Office at least three working days prior to the meeting: 801-359-4379 or Jpstuart@utah.gov.